

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (canceled)
- 1 2. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]]9, wherein at least
2 two control bodies, which are displaceable independently of one another, are provided for each
3 nest of screens, each control body being associated with a portion of the nest of screens for the
4 backwashing of that portion.
- 1 3. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]]9, wherein each
2 control body is formed by a slider which is displaceable in its longitudinal direction and/or
3 rotatable about its longitudinal axis, wherein the a discharge channel extends in the axial
4 direction of the slider and each control opening pierces the wall of the discharge channel.
- 1 4. (previously presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein at least one
2 slider has at least two control openings which, for a displaceable slider, are spaced apart in the
3 longitudinal direction of the slider and, for a rotatable slider, are spaced apart in the
4 circumferential direction of the slider.
- 1 5. (previously presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein each
2 control body is formed by a tube which is displaceably and/or rotatably guided in a bore of the
3 housing.
- 1 6. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]]9, wherein each
2 backwashing outlet channel is arranged substantially centrally in relation to its associated portion
3 of the nest of screens.

1 7. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]]9, wherein at least
2 one nest of screens has two curved perforated plates, between which is arranged a filter insert
3 which is circular when laid flat, wherein the two perforated plates are inserted into a receiving
4 opening in the carrying body, the receiving opening having an oval cross-section corresponding
5 to the curvature of the perforated plates when seen in the axial direction of the receiving opening,
6 and wherein the perforated plates are arranged so that their convex side lies on the inflow side
7 during the filtering process.

1 8. (currently amended) A device according to claim [[1]]9, wherein, in the
2 case of at least one nest of screens, the collecting chamber is divided into collecting-chamber
3 portions by at least one wall supporting the ~~a~~ perforated plates.

1 9. (previously presented) A backwashable filtering device for thermoplastic
2 plastics material, comprising:

3 a housing having at least one feed channel configured as an inlet of the material to
4 be filtered and at least one delivery channel configured as an outlet for the filtered material,
5 at least one carrying body configured to be movable between a filtering and a
6 backwashing position inside the housing,

7 at least two nests of screens disposed inside carrying body, said nests of screens
8 being configured for the filtering position and the backwashing position,

9 a distribution chamber arranged on the inflow side of each nest of screens, said
10 distribution chamber being fluidically connected to the at least one feed channel via inflow
11 channels,

12 a collecting chamber arranged on the outflow side of each nest of screens, said
13 collecting chamber being fluidically connected to the at least one delivery channel via outflow
14 channels,

15 wherein in the backwashing position a portion of the filtered material flows:
16 from the collecting chamber of one nest of screens,
17 through a backwashing channel arranged in the carrying body.

18 into the collecting chamber of another nest of screens,
19 through the backwashed nest of screens, thus removing impurities from
20 the backwashed nest of screens,
21 into the distribution chamber of the backwashed nest of screens,
22 into a backwashing outlet channel fluidically connecting the distribution
23 chamber to at least one control body,
24 into at least one control opening of the at least one control body ,
25 into a discharge channel of the at least one control body, and further out of
26 the device,
27 wherein the at least one control body:
28 is movable relative to the carrying body and relative to other control
29 bodies in the longitudinal or the rotational direction,
30 is configurable for backwashing either an entire nest of screens or a
31 selectable portion of the nest of screens, and
32 is in the flow path only in the backwashing position, and out of the flow
33 path in the filtering position.